

all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations. You are now a Member of the 110th Congress.

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE MARCIA FUDGE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker and Members of the House, obviously this is a great moment of joy for our country and for our delegation. Congresswoman MARCIA FUDGE will become an outstanding Member of this House. She is an attorney, a businesswoman, and a mayor—indeed, the first female mayor, and first African American mayor of Warrensville, Ohio—since the year 2000. That alone constitutes major accomplishments.

She has her law degree from Cleveland State University, and she will become the ninth female Member ever elected to this Chamber from the great State of Ohio, and only the second African American woman ever to be elected from our State.

As Mayor of Warrensville, Ohio, she has been heavily involved in economic development. In fact, she said, "I believe people started to feel really good about where they lived because of the results of our economic development efforts, and I think when people feel good about where they live, that pride transitions into so many positive things."

Congresswoman FUDGE formerly served our beloved colleague Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones as her Chief of Staff during her early years. She also worked early in her career on Carl Stokes' Cleveland bid for mayor, as a teenager, heading up Young Folks for Stokes.

She has been a law clerk; a tax attorney; county prosecutor's office attorney; held Cuyahoga County Budget, Tax, and Finance positions; and she is Immediate Past President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, serving from 1996 to 2000. We know what a powerhouse that is.

She's also a board member of the famous Cleveland Public Library and, perhaps most important of all, she's a member of the Baptist Glenville Church of God. We know she's come this far by faith.

We welcome her here today and join her among our Buckeye ranks.

I would be pleased to yield to the fine dean of our delegation from the Republican side of the aisle, Congressman RALPH REGULA, who we will say good-

bye to as a Member this year, but not as a former Member, and we expect to see him and his beautiful wife, Mary, very often.

Mr. REGULA. I thank the gentlelady for yielding. It's certainly with pleasure that I rise today as the dean of the Ohio delegation to welcome our newest Member, the Honorable MARCIA FUDGE, of the 11th District. We will all sadly recall our delegation and this House unexpectedly lost our friend and colleague, the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones, this past August. While we all miss Stephanie's warmth and friendship, today we welcome Congresswoman FUDGE to this body.

As my colleague from Toledo has said, she has an outstanding record of achievements, and I know she will be a very strong contributing Member to this body. Of course, she has the great experience of serving as the Mayor of Warrensville Heights. Any of you that have experienced local government, particularly as a mayor or a council person, you know that you have to learn to accommodate, compromise, reach across the aisle, and do a lot of things that will make for success in this body.

Also, she is a product of Ohio's fine schools. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Ohio State University. Go Bucks. She has a law degree from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues on my side of the aisle, and colleagues generally, we are happy to welcome Ms. FUDGE as one of our Members and wish her a long and successful career as a Member of this body. It's a great honor to serve in the United States Congress. I think all of us can attest to that.

I thank the gentlelady for yielding.

□ 1330

Ms. KAPTUR. I thank the gentleman, and know that Congresswoman FUDGE will be a valued member of our delegation. We have our work cut out for us.

We welcome you.

Madam Speaker, we yield back our remaining time.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Ms. FUDGE. Thank you.

Madam Speaker, Leader BOEHNER, Representative KAPTUR, Representative REGULA, the Ohio delegation, Members of the 110th Congress, it is, indeed, my pleasure and my privilege to be with you here today.

I want to first just thank my mother and my family and my staff, my friends, the members of my great sorority—Delta Sigma Theta—all of the residents of Warrensville Heights, Ohio, where I served for so many years as mayor, and all of the people of the 11th District for the confidence they placed in me in the last three elections that I have been in over the last 6

weeks. I, as well, would like to thank my predecessors on whose shoulders I stand today—the Honorable Louis Stokes and my very dear friend, the Honorable Stephanie Tubbs Jones.

To all of my colleagues, I say to you that I look forward to working with you because there is much work to be done, and I am certainly up to the task. I am a person who you can count on. I will work hard because I know what my job is, and my job is to serve the people who put me here. I know that my job is to do the most for those who have the least, and so I will work hard because I have promises to keep. I have made promises not only to myself and to the people of the 11th District but to my departed friend. So count on me because I do, indeed, have a promise to keep.

Thank you so much.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. FUDGE), the whole number of the House is 435.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1504

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. UDALL of Colorado) at 3 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS TODAY

Mr. WELCH of Vermont. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with today.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Vermont?

There was no objection.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by Speaker pro tempore, Mr. VAN HOLLEN on October 6, 2008:

H.R. 4010. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 West Percy Street in Indianola, Mississippi, as the "Minnie Cox Post Office Building".